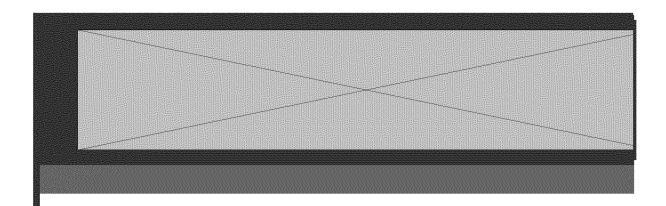
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Make Your Voice Heard!

Support EPA's Proposed Passaic River Cleanup Plan

Attend a Public Meeting in Belleville, Monday, June 23rd

For decades, polluters dumped dioxin and other harmful, cancer-causing contaminants into the Passaic River in Newark, NJ. In an effort to remediate the abused River, the US Environmental Protection Agency proposed a historic cleanup plan on April 11, 2014. The EPA's preferred cleanup method consists of bank to bank dredging of 4.3 million cubic yards of contaminated sediment from the lower 8.3 miles of the River, with a two foot cap.

As far as disposal is concerned, we believe that off-site disposal of contaminated sediment at a licensed facility is the best method. Burying and capping the contaminants in Newark Bay is NOT a viable, clean option. The plan will be beneficial in long term effectiveness, will reduce toxicity, ecological impacts, and risk to human health and improve the environment and economy.

We are in favor of EPA's cleanup plan with off-site disposal but we need your support! It is time for the polluters to take responsibility and accountability for the murder of our River!

There are 3 Ways You Can Help:
1. Attend a Public Meeting!
Belleville Senior Citizens Recreation Center 125 Franklin Avenue (Franklin Avenue and Mill Street), Belleville, NJ 07109 Monday, June 23, 2014 at 2:00 PM.
2. Sign our online petition.
3. Contribute to the public comment period:
Submit comments to PassaicLower8MileComments.Region2@epa.gov NOW through August 20, 2014, supporting EPA's plan of a complete bank to bank cleanup and off-site disposal. To learn more about the proposed cleanup plan, click here .
For more information, contact Sandra at <u>sandra@nynjbaykeeper.org</u> or 732-888-9870 x7.
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